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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

Docket No.: 30266/37260A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tang, et al.

Application No.: 09/894,912

Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: B. Bunner

For: METHODS AND MATERIALS RELATING
TO NOVEL STEM CELL GROWTH FACTOR-
LIKE POLYPEPTIDES AND
POLYNUCLEOTIDES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004. Claims 62-65 and 74-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. This response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.